

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 240

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dawson's Men's Shop on the occasion of its grand reopening.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those longstanding business ventures that have enriched their communities and strengthened Tennessee's economic health and well-being for many decades; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable establishment is Dawson's Men's Shop, which first opened its doors in Morristown nearly ninety years ago; and

WHEREAS, after experiencing a catastrophic flooding of the store last year, Dawson's Men's Shop has undertaken a thorough restoration and will reopen its doors to its many loyal customers during the week of March 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the grand reopening also marks the store's fifth anniversary under the ownership of Greg Shockley, a longtime employee of Dawson's Men's Shop who acquired the business in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dawson's Men's Shop began as an extension of Dawson's Women's Shop, which was founded in 1934 by Miss Eula Dawson; and

WHEREAS, Miss Dawson built a reputation based on fashionable, quality merchandise and personal service; when she decided to retire, Herman West, along with his partners, purchased Dawson's Women's Shop in 1969 and reopened as Dawson's Men's Shop in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Herman West became the sole owner in 1975, and the store enjoyed many successful years on Main Street in downtown Morristown; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Mr. West relocated the business to Morristown Plaza, and after another move in 1999, Dawson's Men's Shop established its current home at 1720 West Andrew Johnson Highway; and

WHEREAS, with Greg Shockley's purchase of the store, Herman West could rest assured that his legacy would remain steadfast in a changing world; Dawson's Men's Shop is dedicated to maintaining the same care it has always extended to its customers by offering the finest fabrics, design, and attention to detail that has been the shop's trademark over the years; and

WHEREAS, the lifeblood of this State's economy and the foundation of our communities are those estimable businesses that are aware of the needs of the local community because they are truly a part of that community and seek to serve their neighbors in conscientious and meaningful ways; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize Greg Shockley and Dawson's Men's Shop on this most auspicious occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dawson's Men's Shop on its grand reopening and extend to owner Greg Shockley and the store's dedicated staff our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.